

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The system of ~~claim 3~~ claim 36 wherein said lining compound comprises a plastisol.

5. (original) The system of claim 4 wherein said closures are heated in said oven to cure said plastisol.

6. (original) The system of claim 5 wherein said oven heats said closures to approximately 380 degrees to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

7-35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) A system for detecting a lining compound of a container closure that includes a panel having a lining compound on at least a portion thereof, said system comprising:

a conveyor for moving said plural closures longitudinally therealong, said conveyor having a conveying surface that supports an outside surface of said closures;

a color sensor that senses said panel of each one of said closures on said conveyor for a predetermined color, said color sensor being capable of identifying a sufficient color status that corresponds to a sufficient lining compound and a deficient color status that corresponds to an insufficient lining compound; and

a separator capable of removing from said conveyor closures having a deficient color status, a compound machine that sprays the lining compound on said panel, said lining compound forming a cured lining after curing, said color sensor disposed between said compound machine and an oven;

whereby said system automatically identifies and removes said closures that have said deficient color from the conveyor.

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37. (currently amended) The system of ~~claim 3~~ claim 36 wherein said color sensor senses a predetermined wavelength of light to identify the sufficient color status.
38. (currently amended) The system of ~~claim 3~~ claim 36 wherein the separator comprises a compressed air jet that blows said closures having the deficient color status from said conveyor.
39. (currently amended) The system of ~~claim 3~~ claim 36 wherein said color sensor is directed to said conveyor surface.
40. (currently amended) The system of ~~claim 3~~ claim 36 wherein said color sensor is capable of sensing a predetermined wavelength of light to identify the sufficient color status.
41. (currently amended) The system of ~~claim 3~~ claim 36 wherein the closure is unitary such that the panel is unitarily formed with a skirt.
- 42-44. (canceled)